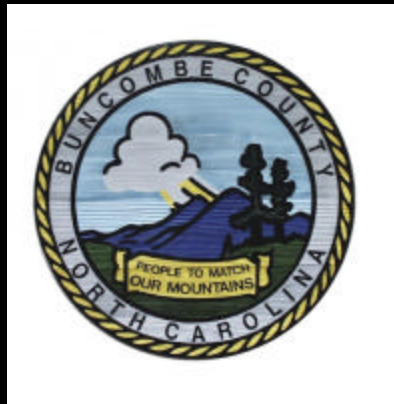


# Point in Time Count

## January 29, 2014

### Asheville-Buncombe **HOMELESS INITIATIVE**



# Guiding Principles

Everyone has the right to housing

There are achievable solutions to homelessness and actions should be based on those solutions

People experiencing homelessness should inform planning, and be informed of plans.

Consistent, accurate data and measurable results should inform decisions.

Resources should be used responsibly, in a coordinate fashion

People & the groups that support them have unique and diverse needs that require multiple solutions

# Housing Inventory Count (HIC) and Point in Time (PIT) Count





The HIC is a report that informs the homeless assistance community on the capacity to house persons who are homeless at local and national levels.

The PIT provides the homeless assistance community with data needed to understand the number and characteristics of persons who are homeless at one point-in-time.




[hudhre.info](http://hudhre.info)

# Why?

## We need accurate data to:

-  Determine size and scope of homelessness
-  Understand homelessness within subpopulations
-  Plan appropriately to address housing & services needs
-  Measure progress of our efforts

## HUD needs data to:

-  Understand homelessness across the nation
-  Provide Congress with information
-  Inform funding decisions

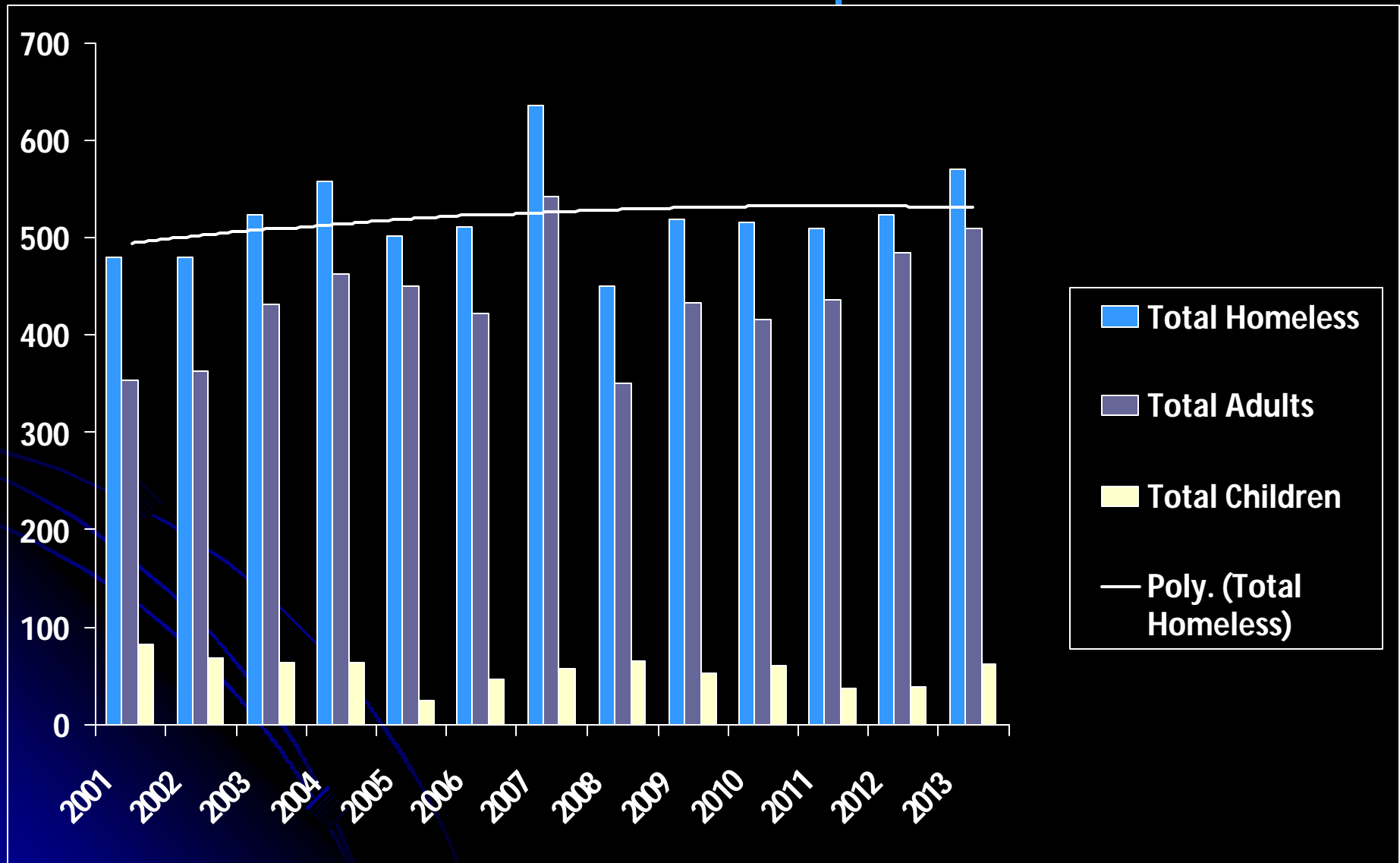
- ✍ The Point in Time is Part 1 of the AHAR:
- ✍ The reporting we do at the end of the year starts with January's PIT.
- ✍ HIC and PIT counts are conducted on the same night in order to have consistent data.
- ✍ Discrepancies between sheltered persons counted on the HIC and PIC will require explanation and result in warnings for the CoC from HUD. This impacts our CoC's grant application scoring and can affect funding for our community.
- ✍ **Inconsistencies between form submissions and HMIS must be corrected following the count.**

# 2013 Nationwide Findings

- ✍ Nationwide 610,042 people were homeless on a single night, down 4% since 2012 and 9% since 2007.
- ✍ 65% in ES or TH and 35% were unsheltered. US declined 7% since 2012 and 23% since 2007.
- ✍ Almost  $\frac{1}{4}$  (23% or 138,149) were children under 18, 10% or 138, 149 were between 18-24, 67% or 410,352 over 25

# Point in Time Counts 2001-2013

## Total Number of People Counted



# Focus: Veterans

## Emphasis on counting veterans

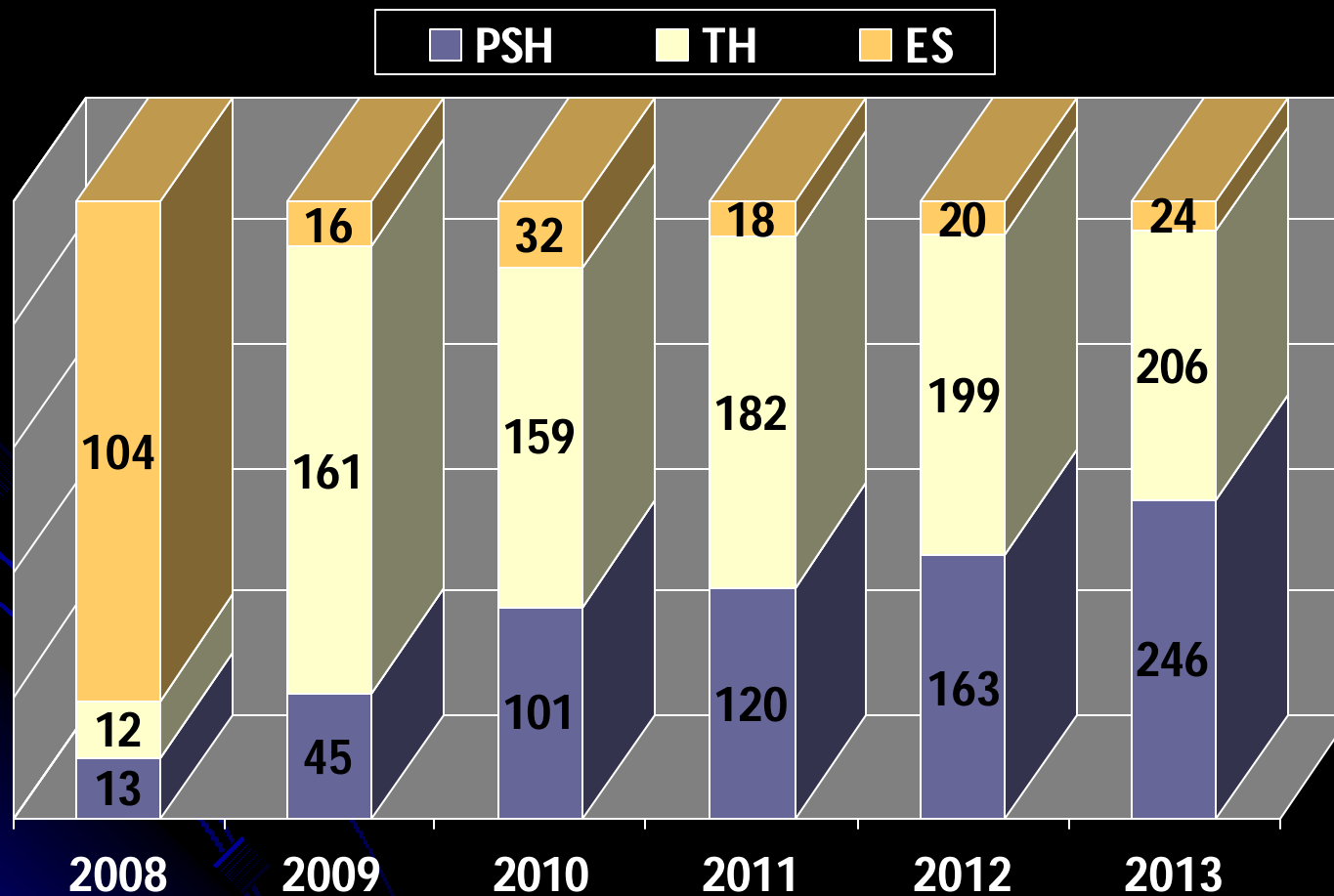
- ✍ Veteran status required for all sheltered and unsheltered adults in households
- ✍ Corresponds with goal of eliminating homelessness among veterans by 2015
- ✍ In 2013, only 24 veterans in Buncombe County were counted in ES. The majority of veterans were in PSH followed by TH. Only two veterans were counted among the unsheltered homeless.



# Focus: Veterans

## Point in Time Count

### Veterans by Housing Type



# Household Type

## Report total number of sheltered and unsheltered persons

Number of persons in each household type by age categories:

- Under 18
- 18-24
- Over 24


Households  
with at least  
one adult and one child

Households  
without children



Households  
with only children  
(e.g. unaccompanied  
children, adolescent  
parents, siblings)

# Households

## Households w/Dependent Children

-  At least one adult and one child are present on the night of the count.

## Households WITHOUT Dependent Children

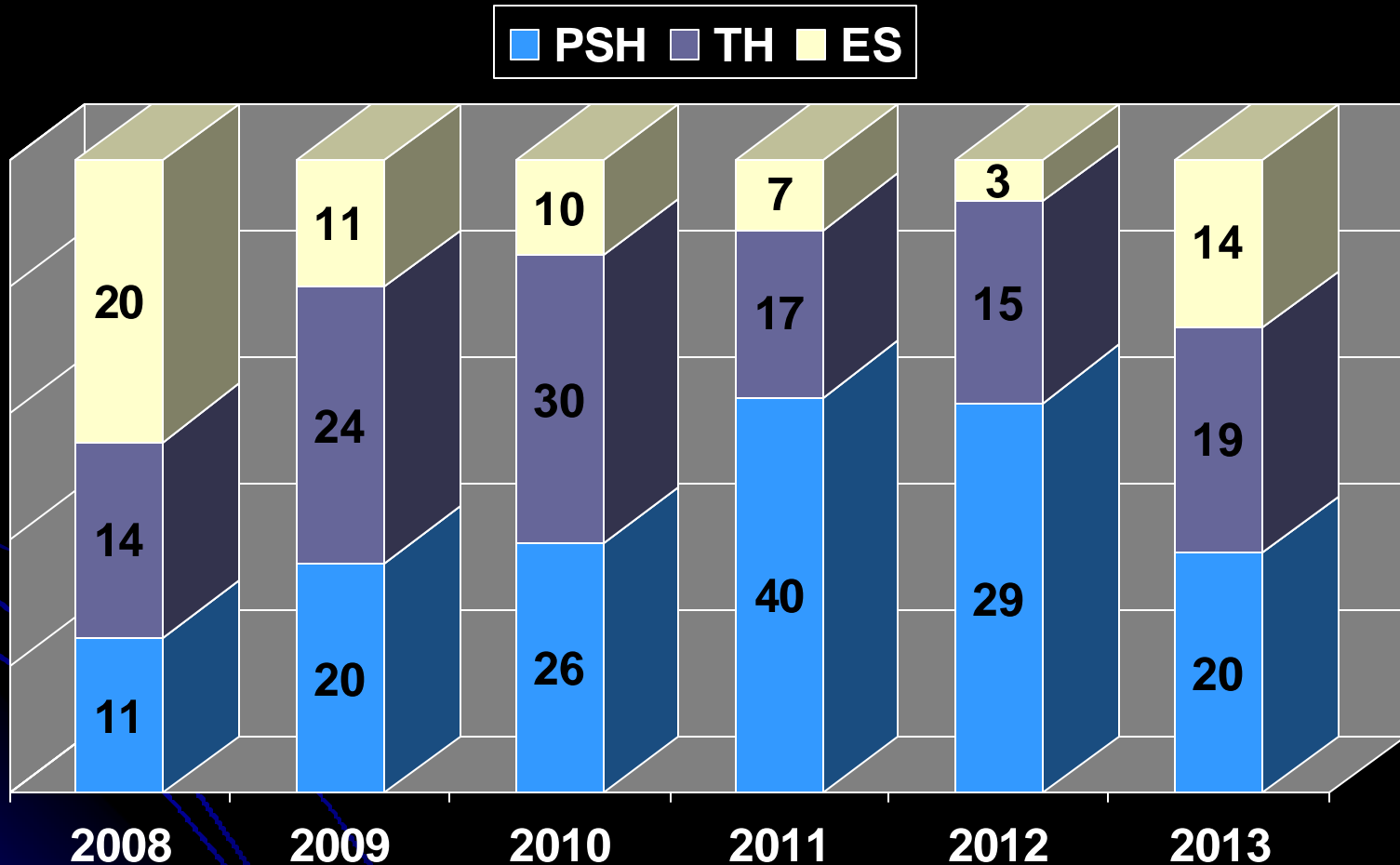
-  Single adults or adult couples with no children present. **Also includes adults who have children, but whose children are not present on the night of the count.** Households with ONLY Children
-  Households in which every person is under the age of 18. Example: unaccompanied children, adolescent parents, siblings.

# New in 2014: Veteran Households

- ✍ At least one adult is a veteran
- ✍ Veteran households with children and without children **must be reported separately on forms.**

# Focus: Households with Children

Point in Time Households with Children, by Housing Type



# Unaccompanied Youth

- ✍ The definition of Unaccompanied Youth has expanded to include persons between the ages of 18-24.
- ✍ There is no longer a subpopulation for unaccompanied youth as this data is now captured in the new household data age categories.
- ✍ Please be sure to specifically ask the *ages* of youth, not just the birth date.

# Chronically Homeless

An unaccompanied adult (18 or older) with a disabling condition

OR

A household with at least one adult member (18 or older) who has a disabling condition

AND

Who has either been continuously homeless for a year or had four episodes of homelessness in three the past three years.

Disabling conditions include: mental illness, chronic substance abuse, HIV/AIDS, physical disability or developmental disability.

# Chronically Homeless

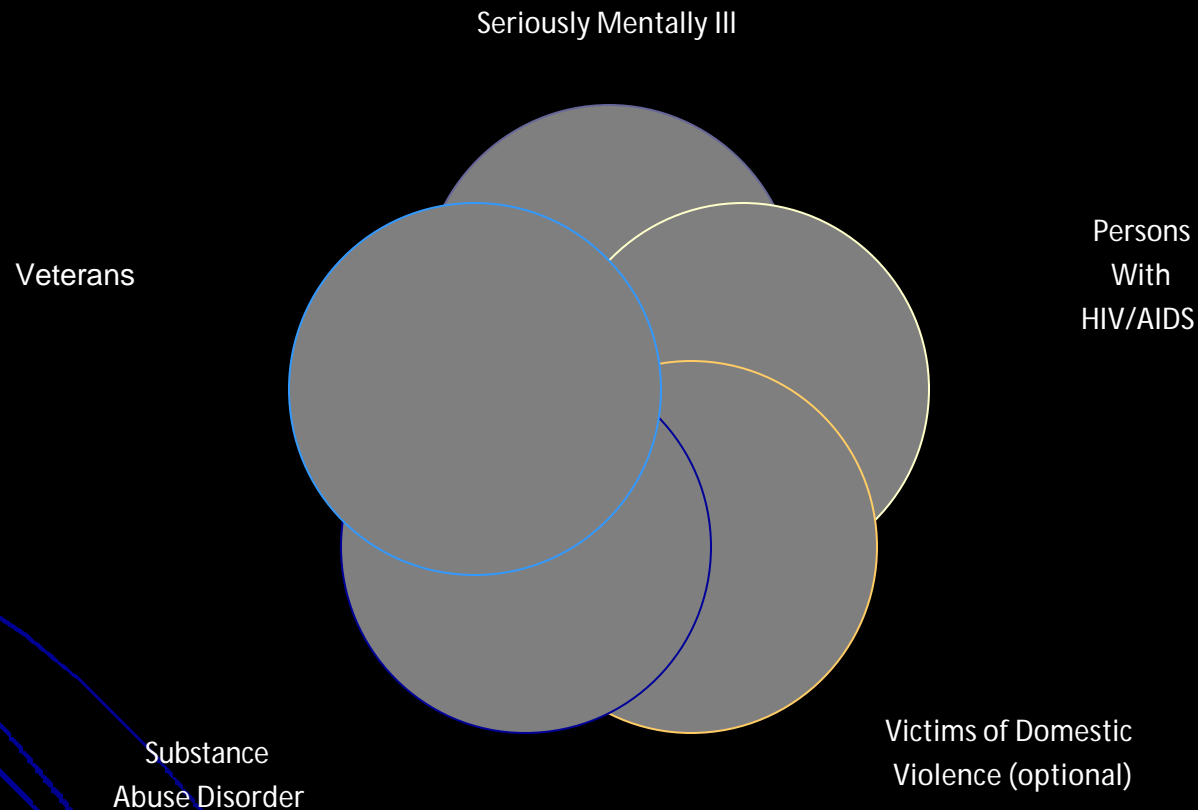
To report chronically homeless persons or families, full names must be collected and submitted along with count forms in order to confirm status and avoid duplication. Accurate information in this category is critical in monitoring progress of the 10 Year Plan.

*Only ES/Seasonal providers need to report CH numbers/names. There was confusion over this last year.*



# Subpopulation Data

Required for all Sheltered and Unsheltered Persons



# 2014 Reporting Changes

- ✍ Race, Ethnicity & Gender reported separately with households (Sheltered & US counts only)
  - ✍ Race: White, Black or African American, Asian, American Indian or Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
  - ✍ Ethnicity: Hispanic/Latino; Non-Hispanic/Latino
  - ✍ Gender: Female, Male, Transgender
- ✍ Veteran subpopulation information reported separately by household type (Sheltered & US counts only)
  - ✍ Veteran gender recorded separately
- ✍ Housing Inventory Count:
  - ✍ Beds dedicated to veterans
  - ✍ Beds dedicated to unaccompanied youth under 18
  - ✍ Beds dedicated to unaccompanied youth 18-24

# Who is Counted for PIT?

**Sheltered  
Homeless Persons**

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**Emergency Shelters  
(including persons  
assisted with hotel  
and motel vouchers)**

**Transitional  
Housing**

# Sheltered Count Form (PIT)

## Sheltered Count Section

- ✍ Record people in 5 household types:
  - ✍ Households with adults and children
  - ✍ Households without children
  - ✍ Households with only children
  - ✍ Veteran households with adults and children
  - ✍ Veteran households without children
- ✍ Record chronically homeless individuals AND persons in chronically homeless families
- ✍ Record subpopulation information (veterans, DV, mentally ill, substance abuse, HIV/AIDS)
- ✍ Record discharge information from systems

# Who is Counted?

## Unsheltered Homeless Persons:

Primary nighttime residence is place not meant for human habitation on night of count

Car

Parks or Campgrounds

Abandoned Buildings

Bus, train stations or airports

# Unsheltered Count

- ✍ Use the Unsheltered Count Form to submit data.
- ✍ Will be led by Homeward Bound's PATH Team
  - ✍ Contact Tracy Edmonds at 828-252-8883 if you know of people who are unsheltered and want to be sure they are counted.
- ✍ Completed using observation and interviews

# People Who Are Not Included in PIT

Do **not** include people residing in:

- ✍ Hotels/motels purchased with private funds
- ✍ In locations not listed on the HIC
- ✍ Temporarily with family or friends
- ✍ PSH programs (including VASH)\*
- ✍ In their own housing unit with assistance from RRH provider program (including SSVF)\*

\*counted for HIC

# HIC: Provider Program Types

- ✍ Emergency Shelter (ES)
- ✍ Transitional Housing (TH)
- ✍ Rapid Re-housing (RRH)
- ✍ Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)






***Only beds and units dedicated for persons who are homeless should be included.***







# Sheltered Count Form (HIC)

Use for Emergency/Seasonal Shelter & Transitional Housing Bed Inventory:

## Record

-  # beds for single adults
-  # beds for families
-  # units for families
-  # beds for households with only children
-  Overflow beds (report only those in use on night of PIT)

## Out of numbers above, separately record beds dedicated to:

-  Veterans
-  Youth under 18
-  Youth age 18-24
-  Youth up to age 24 (under 18 and 18-24)

## Report changes in bed inventory since 2013



# Counting Beds/Units in SSVF-RRH

Must meet *all* of the following criteria:







- ✍ Participant actively enrolled on night of count;
- ✍ Housing status at program entry = literally homeless
- ✍ Participant in permanent housing on night of inventory count; **and**
- ✍ Participant receiving financial assistance and/or housing relocation & stabilization services on night of inventory count

# Permanent Housing Count Form (HIC)



## Bed Inventory Section

-  RRH: Record the beds used the night of the PIT
-  PSH: Record the total number of beds in the program

## Bed Types:

-  Beds for singles adults
-  Beds for families
-  Units for families
-  Beds for households of only children
-  Families, or households of only children
-  Beds dedicated to Chronically Homeless

## Report beds dedicated for:

-  Veterans
-  Youth by age group

Record any changes in bed inventory since 2013 count

# Community Questions

- ✍ Community members often expect numbers to be available the day after the count.
- ✍ Getting accurate PIT/HIC information is a collaborative and lengthy process.
- ✍ Final PIT/HIC numbers are due to the state by March 7, 2014. It is common to have many changes/corrections before the final report is available.













# Group Discussion:

- ✍ Form confusion? Questions on changes?
- ✍ Do you know which form to use for your program?
- ✍ Do you need assistance to conduct the count?




# Group Discussion

## Are we missing any programs?






### Sheltered Count

-  HB Room in the Inn
-  ABCCM ES
-  ABCCM TH
-  ABCCM Steadfast House
-  Haywood St Congregation  
Respite Program
-  First at Blue Ridge
-  Salvation Army
-  WCRM Men's ES
-  WCRM Women and  
Children
-  Helpmate
-  Trinity Place
-  Cornerstone

### Unsheltered Count

-  HB PATH Team
-  AHOPE Day Center
-  Swannanoa Valley ES

### PSH/RR

-  HB Multiple
-  ABCCM SSVF
-  ABCCM PSH
-  ABCCM RR
-  VASH

# Resources

- ✍ [www.ashevillenc.gov/homeless](http://www.ashevillenc.gov/homeless)
- ✍ [www.ncceh.org/2014pit](http://www.ncceh.org/2014pit) (forms)
- ✍ [www.ncceh.org/pointintime](http://www.ncceh.org/pointintime) (guidance and previous years' data)
- ✍ 2013 PIT (national)  
<https://www.onecpd.info/resources/documents/AHAR-2013-Part1.pdf>